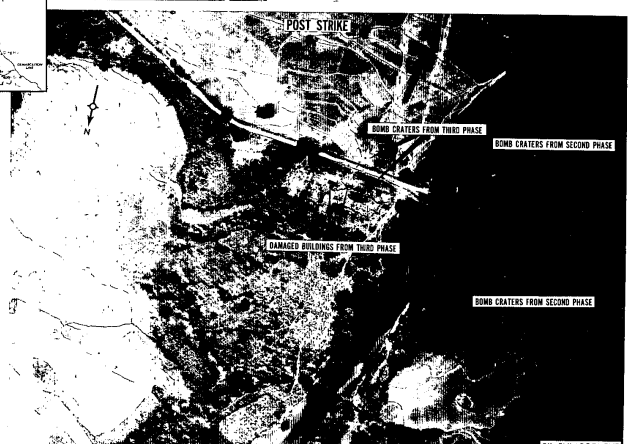
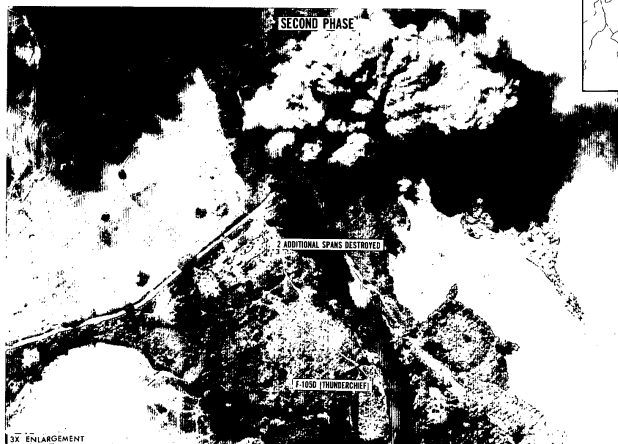
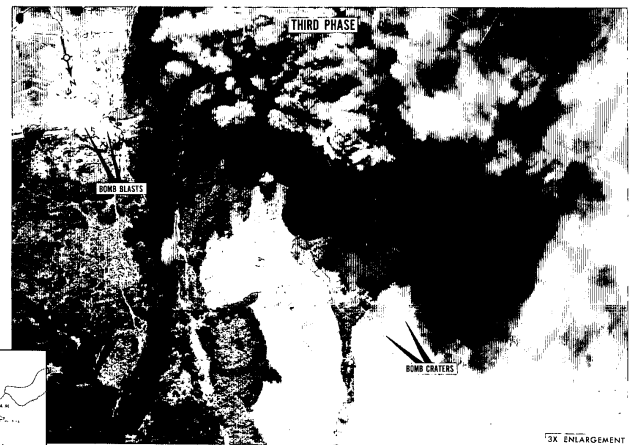


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1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT IN 1956 A FERRY CROSSING WAS LOCATED ON THE NAM MAT (RIVER) JUST EAST OF BAN KEN. AT THAT TIME THE RIVER WAS REPORTED AS BEING FORDABLE FROM LATE NOVEMBER THROUGH MAY.

2. [] REVEALED A HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE NAM MAT (RIVER), ON ROUTE 7, JUST EAST OF BAN KEN. THE BRIDGE WAS A THREE SPAN, HALF-THROUGH TRUSS, PROBABLE STEEL WITH WOODEN PLANKING. AN APPARENT

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3. STRIKE AND POST-STRIKE SEQUENCE PHOTOGRAPHY OF BARREL ROLL [] REVEALS:

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PHASE ONE -- THE WESTERN SPAN OF THE BRIDGE IS DESTROYED. ROUTE 7 IS INTERDICTED WEST OF THE BRIDGE AND NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED.

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PHASE TWO -- THE TWO REMAINING SPANS OF THE BRIDGE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. SMOKE IS OBSERVED RISING FROM THE AREA JUST WEST OF THE BRIDGE. AN F-105D (THUNDERCHIEF) IS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPH.

PHASE THREE -- TWO BOMB BLASTS ARE OBSERVED JUST EAST OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE. SMOKE IS RISING FROM THE AREA WEST OF THE BRIDGE AND TWO ADDITIONAL BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED.

POST-STRIKE -- THE BRIDGE IS DESTROYED WITH ONLY THE PIERS REMAINING. SPANS ARE OBSERVED LYING IN THE RIVER BED. NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND PHASES ARE OBSERVED JUST WEST OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE. TWO BOMB CRATERS AND THREE DAMAGED BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED AS A RESULT OF THE THIRD PHASE. THE RIVER STILL APPEARS FORDABLE.

4. AREA HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN COVERED BY NUMEROUS []

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